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Hammond Education Foundation Awards College Scholarships

HAMMOND, IN. – Seventeen 2022 high school graduates of the School City of Hammond have received \$19,000 in college scholarships for the 2022-23 academic year, thanks to financial contributions provided to the Hammond Education Foundation.

Eight scholars from Morton High School and nine scholars from Hammond Central High School were awarded post-secondary scholarship funds.

There are two recipients of a \$2,500 Mark Biel Memorial Scholarship. They are Keasia Boone attending Indiana University Northwest, majoring in Dental Assisting, and Carol Loza Diaz attending Calumet College of Saint Joseph, majoring in Biomedical Science. The Biel Scholarship is awarded to a Hammond high school graduate and is a gift made anonymously by a Hammond High alumnus in memory of the late Hammond teacher and administrator Mark Biel.

There are twelve recipients of a \$1,000 Draskovich-Brundidge Scholarship. They are Elizabeth Bobo attending Purdue University Northwest, majoring in Business; Xelha Chavez-Iberra attending Indiana University Northwest, majoring in Radiologic Sciences; Hayden Lewter attending Wabash College, majoring in Psychology; Julian Meraz attending Purdue University Northwest, majoring in Computer Engineering; Melissa Moreno attending Purdue University Northwest, majoring in Explorers-Pathway; Ana Munoz attending Purdue University Northwest, majoring in Behavioral Sciences; Jorge Noriega attending Wabash College, majoring in Biology (Pre-Med); Alberto Ochea attending Purdue University majoring in Computer Engineering; Zion Pellot attending Purdue University Northwest, majoring in Finance; Ryan Peppers attending Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, majoring in Business Administration; Athena reyna attending Purdue University, majoring in Special Education and Elementary Education; and Cymone Ross attending Purdue University Northwest, majoring in Early Childhood Education. The Draskovich-Brundidge Scholarships are awarded city wide and are a gift by retired Hammond teacher Zlatana Draskovich in support of student success.

Gustavo Vega received the \$1,000 Hammond Education Foundation Legacy Scholarship. Mr. Vega will be attending Purdue University, majoring in Engineering (Aerospace).

Additionally, the following individuals were selected to receive \$500 awards: Kamryn Davis attending University of Advanced Technology received the James Hornak Memorial Scholarship; and Anissa Ducker attending Calumet College of St. Josephs received the Dr. Gary Jones Memorial Scholarship.

The Hammond Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and philanthropic partner of the School City of Hammond. Since its origin in 1983, the foundation has generated more than \$1.5 million in scholarships, classroom grants, programs and other support for extraordinary learning experiences and opportunities to help Hammond students succeed—in school and beyond.

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